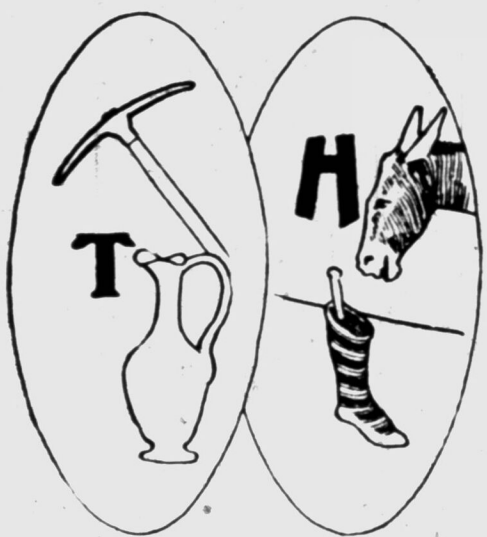


THE PUZZLER

No. 21.—Double Diagonal.
The diagonal, reading from the upper left hand letter downward and from the lower right hand letter upward, names a pleasant place on stormy days.

Crosswords: 1. To wither. 2. To dwell. 3. To kindle. 4. Firm.

No. 22.—Familiar Articles.



What familiar articles are represented in the picture?

No. 23.—Central Acrostic.

The central letters of the crosswords name a month.

Crosswords: 1. To present. 2. An open space for combats. 3. A small drum. 4. A mark noting omission. 5. Certain divisions of a day. 6. To stop. 7. The world. 8. Chief magistrate of a city.

No. 24.—Novel Double Acrostic.
Initials name a famous American general; third row names a famous battleground. Each row contains five letters.

Crosswords: 1. Bestows. 2. Tired. 3. Troubled. 4. A town in Massachusetts. 5. A carnivorous animal of Asia and Africa allied to the dog. 6. Pastoral poems. 7. Five-ninths of extremely wicked. 8. A dwarf. 9. Weary. 10. A wind instrument of music. 11. A certain relative.

No. 25.—Triple Riddlemeec.
First is in butcher, but not in kill; Second, in note, but not in bill; Thirds are in gallon, but not in quart; Fourths are in long, but not in short; Fiftths are in rain and also in hail; Sixths are in thunder, but not in gale; Sevenths, in almond, but not in nut; My whole's three countries in Europe.

No. 26.—Hidden Celebrities.
Whitney's cotton gin was a boon to humanity.
"When will Lawrence come home?" "He is home," responded Martha.
The sailor sent his slave to Mustapha. All the tunnels on the road are lighted with electricity.

No. 27.—Ships That Pass.
The ship of literature?
An assistant ship?
A ship of fine writing?
The ship of the improvident?
A ship of money gathering?
A ship of confidence?
A college or society ship?
The ship of the poor student?
The ship of an overseeing officer?
The ship of the foreign representative?
The ship of two working together?
An adrept ship?
The ship of guidance?

No. 28.—Prefix Puzzle.
Use the same prefix of three letters in each instance.

Change a small rope into an eastern city.
Change pursuit into victory.
Change a dwelling to satisfied.
Change a building to a law officer.
Change a small opening to a nunnery.
Change alone to comfort.
Change a den to a hollow.

No. 29.—Singular and Plural.
Singular, the foot of a beast; plural, a stop.
Singular, a poet; plural, to puzzle.
Singular, lively; plural, a fixed look.
Singular, a measure; plural, pure alex.
Singular, not night; plural, to dazzle.
Singular, cry of a crow; plural, reason.
Singular, a pronoun; plural, part of the face.
Singular, a letter; plural, to vex.

Quite Apparent.
The File—What makes you screech so?
The Saw—You set my teeth on edge.

Key to the Puzzler.
No. 11.—Double Acrostic: Primals—Cupid. Finals—Heart. Crosswords—1. Crash. 2. Unite. 3. Polka. 4. Inner. 5. Dealt.
No. 12.—Word Puzzle: Plumber, lumber, amber, plumb, plum.
No. 13.—Diagonal: Valentine. 1. Vacations. 2. Valuation. 3. Vallation. 4. Vegetable. 5. Volunteer. 6. Voluntary. 7. Vulgarly. 8. Valentine. 9. Variegated.

No. 14.—Zigzag: Plum Pudding. 1. Page. 2. Plan. 3. Unit. 4. Amid. 5. Pads. 6. Sure.
No. 15.—Book Title: "Love Me Little, Love Me Long."
No. 16.—Geographical Puzzles: Tennessee. Mayo.
No. 17.—Anagram Verse:
An airy sprite once said to me,
"As she would have confessed to a priest,
"I steal the ripest apples," said she,
"With the reddest stripes and have a feast."

No. 18.—Jumble:
"The rose is red, the violet's blue;
Sugar's sweet, and so are you."
No. 19.—Progressive Enigmas: En-danger, anger, end, Ingrain, in grain, Cooper, ate, co-operate.
No. 20.—Triple Curtailings: Ten-der, Ann-oy, Peril-ous, Thought-ful.

CHOICE MISCELLANY

The New Army Chevron.
"Army men generally," remarked a veteran officer, "are pleased at the action of Secretary Taft in providing for the manufacture and issue of a new chevron. Under previous regulations each of the various kinds of coats required a different kind of chevron, the bars of which were of the high colored facing cloths, conforming to the various arms of the service."

"The colors used in dyeing this cloth are very fugitive. Experiments were made to obtain a chevron that would stand washing when attached to the white summer and cotton khaki coats, and finally the color of the olive drab shirting flannel was selected as the best. Bars made of cloth of this shade, sewed on a groundwork of olive drab serge, will harmonize with the service coats and at the same time are sufficiently distinctive. Bars of the same cloth sewed on a groundwork of either cotton khaki or white duck will harmonize with the khaki service and white summer coats."

"While the distinctive colors of the various arms of the service have been disregarded in the new chevrons, it will not lead to confusion, because the hat cords show the color of the arm of the service, and the ornaments on the coat collars show the organization to which an enlisted man belongs."—Washington Star.

His Dead Soldiers.

This grim story of the war is quoted from a Siberian paper: A Russian regiment was surprised by a Japanese ambuscade and lost 2,000 killed. Of one company every man was killed or wounded, only the captain and two other officers being able to get clear. After the battle the captain, though wounded, departed by himself. One of his friends, alarmed at this, went to look for him. He found him on the battlefield seated on a large stone.

He had dragged to the spot the bodies of the men who once formed his company and had arranged them in the ranks they filled when alive. When he recognized his friend, he called out to him to shoot him for his cowardice in being alive when all his men were dead. Then, losing his reason altogether, he harangued his dead men, calling upon them to follow him and promising them victory.

When they did not follow him, he reproached them, but affectionately, addressing them by their names. He had at last to be removed by force and is now in the lunatic asylum at Harbin.

Women Physicians For Lunatics.
One of the most famous of German physicians for the treatment of mental diseases, Professor Ludwig, is earnestly advocating the employment of women physicians in lunatic asylums. After years of investigation he has come to the conclusion that the insane are peculiarly susceptible to a woman's presence and influence, not only the women, but the men as well. He says he has been instrumental in obtaining the admission of one woman physician to an asylum for women in south Germany, and the results are simply phenomenal. The women are more tractable, and in the cases where mental disease is the result of sexual trouble the woman doctor works wonders. Ludwig is certain that in a short time no men physicians will be employed in female lunatic asylums. His opinion is supported in large measure by another eminent authority, Dr. Krapelin.

Cheaper Furs.
One of the results of the Russian-Japanese war is that raw furs are cheaper this season. It will take some time for the drop in the price of raw furs to affect the retail sale of the manufactured product, but the public are already beginning to get the benefit in reductions made in anticipation.

Russia is one of the largest for buying countries. Canada and British North America send abroad their surplus of raw furs beyond what the American market will take. The United States, except for some production in Alaska, imports almost all of the expensive furs which are used here. Smaller furs, like muskrats, raccoons, skunks and opossums, are produced in large numbers in the United States, and a great part of them is exported.

China and Russia.
The bureau of statistics provides in recent issues of the consular reports tables showing the trade for many years of the United States with China and with Russia. The former was by far the greater every year of the past twenty.

We sold last year \$12,862,000 worth of goods to China and bought from her \$29,342,000 worth. The year before we sold \$18,000,000 and in 1902 \$24,000,000 worth.

Russia bought of us last year \$19,944,000 and sold us \$10,712,000. War preparations accounted for much the largest purchases on record. In six years we have sold much more to China.

Tea explains why our Chinese imports are so heavy.

Germany's Acquired Territory.
It is twenty years, says the London Post, since Germany began to build up a colonial empire, and the net result is that after spending some fifteen or twenty millions sterling she has acquired more than a million square miles of territory, with a sparsely scattered German population of between five and six thousand souls—men, women and children. Of the adult male population a third are officials or soldiers. Militarism is rampant everywhere, with the result that the white settler avoids German colonies as he would a plague.

A LOST ART.

The Blend of Metals Which Certain Races Used For Tools.

Fame and fortune await the lucky individual who can rediscover the combination of metals from which the Egyptians, the Aztecs and the Incas of Peru made their tools and arms. Though each of these nations reached a high state of civilization, none of them ever discovered iron in spite of the fact that the soil of all three countries was largely impregnated with it. Their substitute for it was a combination of metals which had the temper of steel. Despite the greatest efforts of the secret of this composition has baffled scientists and has become a lost art. The great explorer, Humboldt, tried to discover it from an analysis of a chisel found in an ancient Inca silver mine, but all that he could find out was that it appeared to be a combination of a small portion of tin with copper. This combination will not give the hardness of steel, so it is evident that tin and copper could not have been its only component parts. Whatever might have been the nature of the metallic combination, these ancient races were able so to prepare pure copper that it equaled in temper the finest steel produced at the present day by the most scientifically approved process. With their bronze and copper instruments they were able to quarry and shape the hardest known stones, such as granite and porphyry, and even cut emeralds and like substances.

A rediscovery of this lost art would revolutionize many trades in which steel at present holds the monopoly. If copper could thus be tempered now its advantage over steel would be very great, and it would no doubt be preferred to the latter in numerous industries. It is a curious fact that, though this lost secret still baffles modern scientists, it must have been discovered independently by the three races which made use of it so long ago.—New York Herald.

THE COMMON SPARROW.

He Is Not Always the Selfish Vagabond He Is Painted.

The house sparrow has been called a nuisance, a street gamin, a vagabond, a thief, a robber, and this by many so called bird lovers, yet, in my opinion, he is one of our most interesting birds. He is lively, bright, thrifty and brave. No one, not even his worst enemy, can gainsay this. He is also ever ready to help his own kind out of any difficulty into which they may fall.

One day, as I was walking up street past a large mill where dozens of sparrows were collected, I saw something which has much increased my esteem for the so called little street gamin. It was in nesting time, and young birds hardly able to fly were quite common. As I walked on my attention was attracted by one of these in the middle of the road alone. He was sitting there and every little while giving out a little disconsolate chirp. While I was watching him a delivery cart came down the street at full speed. The young bird was likely to be crushed, but I was not the only observer of its distress. As I watched about a dozen sparrows flew down and gathered round it. I didn't know what was going to happen for the minute, but I was soon enlightened. The flock of newcomers fairly hustled the little one out of the way of the oncoming cart and into the safety of the ditch. I don't know exactly how they did it, they moved so quickly, but I think it was in the same way that a man is carried onward in a crowd. He helps himself a little, and the people around him sweep him forward. The little incident clearly showed that sparrows are not always as selfish and unfeeling as they are painted.—Amateur Sportsman.

Toothbrushes.

The Buffalo Commercial records that a customer asked one of the women at the counter in a Main street drug store if he could take home some toothbrushes "on approval." The somewhat astonished young woman answered that she did not believe that the firm would allow it. "Now, possibly that strikes you as improbable," said the man in charge of the pharmacy counter, "but only last week I personally sold to a woman a toothbrush. Yesterday she brought it back and said it hurt her mouth and asked if we would be willing to exchange it."

Satisfaction.

Mrs. Upmore—You found a house to suit you at last, did you? Mrs. Highmus—Yes. I found one yesterday morning, and I amused myself the rest of the day by going around among the real estate agents and asking them if they had an eligible flat to rent to a family with fourteen children. You don't know how much fun it was to watch them go into convulsion fits.—Chicago Tribune.

Still In Service.

"Can't yer do a little somethin' fer an old soldier?" whined Tired Tiffins. "Well, I don't know," replied the portly citizen. "If you can show your discharge papers, I may do something for you."

"I hain't been discharged yet, boss," replied the hobo. "It's soldier of fortune I am."—Pittsburg Post.

Wasn't Wise.

J.—So you told Mrs. Cunningham that she looked as young as her daughter. I suppose that caught the old lady? B.—Yes, but it lost me the daughter.—Stray Stories.

When the fool has made up his mind the market is gone by.—Spanish Proverb.

The worst bankruptcy is to lose heart.

NEW SHORT STORIES

English Humor.

Charles M. Pepper, the newspaper man who was appointed a commissioner on the intercontinental railway commission, tells an amusing story, in which the main figure is Henry Norman, the British Journalist. Norman visited Washington a few years ago.

One evening just before the departure of the Britisher it was determined to put up a joke on him at the Press club. A Mr. Decker was selected to be the perpetrator. This gentleman arose in his seat and, taking a small bell from his pocket, addressed Mr. Norman as follows:

"Sir, I have been designated by my fellow members to convey to you an expression of our pleasure. On behalf



"I AM INSTRUCTED TO GIVE YOU THIS RING," of the National Press club of Washington I am instructed to give you this ring."

As he uttered the word "ring" Mr. Decker rapped the bell smartly and placed it on the table.

It was plainly to be seen that the Englishman was taken aback. After a good deal of hemming and hawing he replied:

"Mr. Decker and members of the National Press club, words fail me. I am overwhelmed. With respect to this gift, which I am pleased to receive, I suppose that Mr. Decker, as was only natural in the embarrassment of the moment, for we newspaper men are notoriously poor speakers, has made a mistake, for he has, as you see, given me a bell instead of a ring."—Denver Republican.

The Woman or the Lion?

In our big fire at winter quarters one of the best lions got free and took refuge in a barn, writes Samuel Hopkins Adams in McClure's. The inhabiting cow said something to him that he didn't like, and the lion killed her. Out came the woman of the house with a bale stick and sailed into the lion. Being the king of beasts, the intruder was scared almost to death, because his assailant was not afraid at all. At the first blow he retreated, snarling, into the dimmest corner. The woman's husband arrived with a gun and fired several shots into the darkness. Result, he destroyed a piece of property worth hundreds of dollars, when by merely shutting the barn door he would have kept the animal perfectly harmless until we could have got to him. Presently the trainer came hurrying up.

"Have you seen anything of a lion in your barn?"

"Lion?" screamed the woman. "I thought it was a dog."

Over she went in a dead faint and cut her head open. What does the husband do but want damages for her injuries and that after killing our high priced animal. Well, he didn't get any damages.

Helpless.

H. C. Barnabee, the veteran actor, lay disabled from a fall and listened to the condolences of a dramatic critic.

"For years and years," the writer said, "you haven't missed a performance. Now, here you lie, helpless as a corpse."

"As helpless as a corpse," said Mr. Barnabee, "or as helpless as two inebrates of whom I heard the other day."

"These two men had dined together and after dinner had sat too long over their coffee, their liquor, their brandy and so on. When it came time for them to go home they were in a very bad way, helpless, in fact. They leaned on one another, going with linked arms, but each, as a reed to lean on, was rotten."

"Finally they fell, and, with a loud splash, they rolled into a full gutter. A police officer appeared and grabbed the upper man by the collar."

"No, no. Save my friend. Never mind me. I can swim."—San Antonio Express.

He Burned Wood.

"There is an old negro down in my town," said John Sharp Williams, "who did me a service, and I wanted to reward him, so I said:

"Uncle, which shall I give you, a ton of coal or a bottle of whisky?"

"Foah de Lawd, Massa John," he replied, "you all shorly knows I burn wood."

Senator Hoar's Epigram.

The late Senator Hoar said of his dead friend, the late Senator Davis of Minnesota, "No spark from his train was ever a clinder in the eye of a friend."

The St inginess Of Grace

by MARTHA HUMPHREYS

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"Who would ever have dreamed she was so stingy? Of course the more money you have in this world the more you want. She doesn't look like a girl who thought of nothing but money. Miserly people are supposed to have steely gray eyes and sharp chins, and she has the softest brown eyes and a dimple in her chin."

"Who has 'em?" asked Tom Bliss, rolling over languidly in his steamer chair.

"I was talking about Grace Patterson."

"Has she dimples and brown eyes?" asked Tom innocently.

His sister hung him a scornful glance. "You ought to know. You have been hanging around her ever since you came down."

"Well, a fellow's got to do something when he's on his vacation," said Tom easily. "You can't expect him to turn woman hater when he's the only man to twosome of pretty women."

"That's just why I'm complaining. With so many pretty girls here I don't see why you should devote yourself to one."

Margaret Bliss would have objected to any woman her brother might have selected as the object of his attentions. Her love for the six footed bachelor, oldest of her brothers, was distinctly selfish, and she was glad the occasion had arisen to prove Miss Patterson far from perfect. Tom lighted a fresh cigarette, and the hand which tossed away the match patted his sister's head in patronizing fashion.

"And how has your ladyship been of fended?"

"You know Jim Green, the man who has been on the beach boat for two seasons, died last night. All the boarders knew him, and of course we looked right into the matter and found out that he left his family almost penniless, so we are going to give a fair for their benefit. We asked Miss Patterson to make something for it, and she said she was too busy; then we asked her to preside at one of the tables or to raffle off the embroidered sofa cushion Mrs. Marshall is going to donate, and she said she didn't believe in raffles."

"My opinion of Miss Patterson improves," said the aggravating Tom. "Many a time and oft have I been done at your faith and raffles."

Margaret rose angrily. "I might have known she was making some sort of a grand stand play. That sort of girl only cares to please the men."

Tom leaned back in his chair and smoked dreamily. He had rather enjoyed Miss Patterson's society, because she knew enough to steer a boat and not to screech when it shipped water. Now he felt a curious desire to know her better. A girl with tender brown eyes and a dimple in her chin rarely held decided opinions on such grave matters as hotel benefits and raffles. But she was not in sight at the present moment. Then he recalled that his stationery needed replenishing, and he started for the village store. It was a cheap imitation of the city department store, and as he was passing the dress goods counter on his way to the stationery department he heard a familiar voice say:

"Is that the best quality of nun's veiling you have?"

"It's enough better than anything she's been used to having," said the middle aged woman behind the counter.

Tom Bliss stopped short, an amused smile on his lips, for he could see that Miss Patterson was flushing indignantly at the woman's rudeness.

"Mrs. Green may not be able to buy another black dress soon, and I want to select something that will wear well and not turn rusty."

Tom woke up. "Green, Green?" Why that was the name of the man who had handled the life saving boat. Why was Grace Patterson shopping for his widow? He drew closer.

"I think the henrietta cloth is better. You can give me ten yards of that and three yards of the crepe; also four yards of that lusterless black ribbon."

She turned suddenly, almost bumping into Tom.

"Won't you let me help?" he said, with a note in his voice that she did not recognize.

"No, thank you," she said, blushing prettily under his earnest gaze. "I think we have everything." He noticed the "we" and liked it.

"But the children," he urged—"oughtn't they to have something; say, little black frocks?"

"No, there would be no time to make them. The funeral is tomorrow, you know. Besides, they're such babies to wear black."

"It would please the mother," he urged, possessed of a sudden madness to share in this shopping expedition.

Miss Patterson's eyes smiled frankly into his.

"Well, if you are so determined, we might get some ready made white dresses for the children with black ribbons and sashes. It may be a great comfort to Mrs. Green to feel that she and the family are so neatly garbed for the funeral."

"Just so," said Tom, pulling out his wallet.

The next fifteen minutes were busy ones for Grace Patterson. She had considerable difficulty in steering him away from lace trimmed lawn frocks to some simple little piques. Tom picked up the bundles as if he were proud of them.

"Where next?" he said cheerfully.

"I must leave this package at the dressmaker's, and then—well, there's really nothing else you can do, thank you."

"You are going to see Mrs. Green? Well, I'm going too."

From the dressmaker's they walked down the beach road to the humble house of mourning. Excited voices welcomed them. Frowzy neighbors were gathered on the front porch. Mrs. Green was bordering on hysteria. Tom watched in interested fashion while Grace brought order out of chaos.

One by one the useless neighbors took their departure. The children were coaxed into the shadow of an upturned boat to play store with real cookies, candies and raisins which Grace produced from the depths of her Boston bag, and Mrs. Green, comforted with a bandage around her aching head and many kind words, was induced to lie down. Then Grace picked up the baby and carried him around to the shady side of the house. Tom followed, dragging a big rocking chair in which he insisted she should sit, while he sprawled in the sand at her feet. In the little room whose shutters were closed just behind them lay the man who had of ten risked his life that they might make merry in the water. A sorrow that was not personal fell upon them, and the man lay quite still looking out across the dancing water and thinking of many things.

Suddenly above his head sounded the soft, melting "oo" of a baby's voice. Without shifting his position, lest he should break the charm, Tom took in the picture. The laughing eyes of the girl were liquid and tender as she watched the baby on her knees. The dimples had disappeared and the lips were curved in a serious sweetness. This was not the girl who had been such a jolly good comrade on fishing and sailing jaunts. This was the woman he had been looking for all these years. And to think that he had not recognized her at once!

Her slender white hand was so close to his that he could hardly keep from clasping it. He pulled himself together and asked in a voice that sounded rather harsh by reason of his effort at self control:

"If you will do all this, why won't you help with the benefit up at the hotel?"

Grace started. She had been wondering whether the little mite in her lap would some day grow up and fight against the sea for human lives.

"Oh, they're such silly things, you know! Everybody hates you for asking them to pay two or three times what a thing's worth, and by the time you have paid all the expenses the beneficiary doesn't get very much; besides it would be two weeks before the thing came off and Mrs. Green needed the clothes and the money now. I suppose a great many people think it's very queer, but father has always insisted on my keeping inside my allowance, and—well—it didn't help with the benefit and help Mrs. Green today." She was floundering along almost blindly under the fierce light that glowed in Tom's eyes. "And so—and so—"

Tom had utterly forgotten what she was talking about. Her hand was caressing the baby's face. The man rose on one knee and drew her hand away from the chubby cheek, holding it firmly in his own.

"Grace, dear, I'm not half good enough for you, but do you think you could love me just a little?"

She looked at him tenderly. "I think I could love you a great deal." And the baby "cooed" and dimpled as he looked at the two heads so close together above his own.

Composition in Courses.

Southey was a methodical and rapid literary craftsman. "I am a quiet, patient, easy going hack of the mule breed, regular as clockwork in my pace, sure footed, bearing the burden which is laid on me, and only obstinate in choosing my own path," he wrote to a friend. But his method was by no means simple. He was a poet, a historian, a critic and a miscellaneous writer. He turned out an enormous quantity of matter and succeeded in doing so by working fourteen hours a day and diversifying his labors within his daily round. He had six tables in his library. He wrote poetry at one, history at another, criticism at a third, and so on with the other subjects upon which he was engaged, and when he was tired of spinning his brains into verse he turned to history and criticism. There is a story that he once described to Mme. de Stael the division of his time—two hours before breakfast for history, two hours for reading after, two hours for the composition of poetry, two hours for criticism, and so on through all his working day. "And pray, Mr. Southey," queried the Frenchwoman somewhat unkindly, "when do you think?"—Cornhill Magazine.

Minute Screws.

"The fourth jewel screw of a watch is so small that to the naked eye it will not look like anything more than a bit of dust," says a watchmaker, "and is probably the smallest screw made. It must necessarily be perfect in every respect, and the character of the workmanship required on it is illustrated by looking at it under a powerful microscope, when it is seen that the threads average 260 to the inch. It is exactly four-thousandths of an inch in diameter, and over 50,000 could be packed into a lady's thimble with ease. Counting these screws is never attempted, of course, but 100 are weighed on a delicate steelyard, and the total number of an output is arrived at by comparing the gross weight with the weight of these. Such tiny screws can only be made in large numbers by machinery, and the operation attending their manufacture is one of the most delicate things in watchmaking."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

WASHINGTON LETTER

(Special Correspondence.)
In session, the Senate in general among the members of the Washington for the purpose of the session of the District of Columbia holding that Saturday afternoon is a legal half holiday "for all purposes."

Much speculation has been indulged in as to what the effect of the opinion will be on the operations of the government departments and the transactions of business ordinarily suspended on Sundays. The consensus of opinion among the lawyers seems to be that the departments will be in nowise embarrassed or hampered by the opinion in the matter of keeping open Saturday afternoons. The question has been considered at length by the office of the corporation counsel, and the attorneys who have gone into the subject carefully express the opinion that, despite the fact that there can be no controversy about Saturday being a legal half holiday, the government employees can be lawfully required to work that day until the usual closing hour.

Dead Letter Sale.

In Uncle Sam's dead letter sale, which takes place annually, there were this year 6,272 pieces, exclusive of books and jewelry, of which there were 1,098 lots of the former and 487 of the latter.

The articles which are sold at auction have accumulated in the dead letter office of the post office department within the past twelve months. They were either left for postage, incorrectly addressed or sent by mail in transit. It is through the mails in violation of the postal laws and regulations.

Cortelyou to Remain Chairman.

When George B. Cortelyou becomes postmaster general in the next cabinet it is not considered likely that he will resign his position as chairman of the Republican national committee. On the other hand, it is thought to be perfectly proper that he hold this position, notwithstanding his cabinet office. The late Henry G. Payne was vice chairman of the Republican national committee and frequently advised with the president as to appointments, especially in the postal service. Headquarters of the national committee will be in Washington, and Elmer Dyer, the secretary of the committee, will be in charge of affairs, as in the past.

The Cigarette Habit.

The report of the commissioner of internal revenue shows that the cigarette habit is steadily growing, and during the present year 200,000,000 more were smoked than during 1903. It also shows that New York leads in the manufacture of cigarettes, while the cigar habit is apparently decreasing, and this is indicated by a decrease of \$0,000,000 in the output of cigars.

Colored Foods.

The secretary of agriculture has issued an order that all staple articles of food that have been colored artificially must be branded as such. This action follows a thorough investigation by Dr. Wiley, the chief of the chemical laboratory of the department, into the methods of coloring foods.

Warlike Relics.

An effort is being made by several old time telegraphers to have added to the interesting exhibits in the National museum a genuine curiosity and relic of the stirring war times in the vicinity of Washington in the sixties. The relic in question is the original old Morse register, one of the first of the telegraph instruments, which was used at Manassas, Va., by the Confederate army officials to transmit the news of the first battle of Manassas, or first Bull Run, as it is called in the north, to the Confederate capital at Richmond. The venerable instrument was similarly used for reporting the second battle of Bull Run.

In Interest of Mail Clerks.

Postmaster General Wynne in his annual report recommends the provision of adequate punishment for those who recklessly endanger the lives of mail clerks by transmitting snakes, live tarantulas, scorpions, loaded revolvers and other explosives. The sending of inflammable matter and poisonous animals through the mails is prohibited by law, but there is no penalty provided.

Potomac Water.

The District commissioners have sent to the speaker of the house a report of an investigation made as to the amount of Potomac water used by departments and offices of the United States.

The average daily consumption of the capitol building during a session of congress is shown to be the enormous amount of 1,051,321 gallons. The government printing office uses 1,356,855 gallons, the library of congress 125,700, White House and fountain 314,500 gallons, treasury department 363,396 and the navy yard 2,614,186 gallons of water a day.

The total amount of water consumed in all the departments daily is \$8,880,108. The report shows that no water connection was found at the state department nor at the botanic gardens.

Congressional Library.

According to the annual report of Herbert Putnam, librarian of congress, transmitted to both houses of congress, the total number of printed books and pamphlets in the library is 1,170,713, a gain of 78,791 for the last fiscal year. In addition there were 95,954 books in the law branch of the library, 121,266 manuscript pieces, 75,861 charts, 384,418 pieces of music and 158,451 prints. During the year there were 103,130 copyright entries.

During the thirty-four years since the copyright law became a business of the library of congress the total number of entries has been 1,518,005. There is discussion of the methods of disposing of copyright articles not available for the library, and the librarian urges that a means be found for their disposition.

CARL SCHOFIELD.

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Nursery Stock.

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THE POOR OF BERLIN

HOW THEY ARE SUPERVISED BY THE CITY AUTHORITIES.

Begging is not to be seen on the streets of the City, and Rags and Misery Dare Not Lie About in the Parks and Public Places.

"What," I exclaimed in Berlin, "are there no poor in this city? Are you altogether without rags and wretchedness?"

"My dear friend," said the German, winking a heavy eyelid, "we are a very clever people. We do not show our dirt bins."

Berlin is ruled by municipal experts. It has its wretchedness and its despair, but these things are not permitted to increase. To be out of work in Berlin is a crime, even as it is in London, but with this difference—in Berlin the municipality legislates for labor in a fashion which makes idleness all but indefensible.

The laws to this end may not commend themselves to English minds, for the Germans are not soft hearted in such matters, but they have this engaging recommendation, they succeed. Let a ragged man make his appearance in Friedrichstrasse or the Lindens or in any of the numerous open spaces, and a policeman is at him in a minute. "Your papers!" demands the man of law. The beggar produces his documents. If it is proved that he has slept in the asylum for the homeless more than a certain number of nights he is forthwith conducted, willingly, to the workhouse and made to labor for his board and lodging.

Now, the workhouse in Germany is not a prison, but the vagrant would as leave go to the one as to the other. The administration of the workhouse is conducted with iron severity. Every ounce of bread and every drop of thin soup consumed by the workhouse man is paid for a thousandfold by the sweat of his brow. So it comes about that the man least disposed to work, the born vagabond, finds it more agreeable to toil for his bread in the market than to fall into the hands of a paternal government.

Berlin takes advantage of the system in Germany which numbers and tickets every child born in the fatherland. No man can roam from district to district, changing his name and his life's story with every ditting. He is known to the police from the hour of his birth to the hour of his death. For a few pennings I can read the history of every person in Berlin. Therefore the municipality has an easy task. Every citizen's life story is known to them, and every vagrant is punished for his crime against the community.

Moreover, every person of humble means is insured by the state. Even clerks, shop assistants and servants are compelled to insure against sickness and against old age. This insurance is effected by the pasting into a book of certain stamps every week, and it is the duty of each employer to see that this contract is faithfully obeyed. And the state has at Beelitz an enormous sanitarium costing 10,000,000 marks (1500,000), where the invalid citizen is sent with his pension in order to expedite his valuable return to the ranks of the wage earners. It pays the city of Berlin to nurse its sick and cherish its invalids. The whole object of the municipality is to secure the physical and intellectual well being of its citizens, and on this task it concentrates its labors with amazing energy.

Berlin has a huge building resembling a factory where the unemployed, whole families, are received and provided for, but no one must take advantage of this hospitality more than five times in three months. Consider this point of view. If you are homeless five times in three months you are dubbed a reckless creature and packed off to the workhouse. Private enterprise has provided another asylum where the homeless may come five times in one month and where the police are not allowed to enter at night. I have visited this place and seen the people who attend it, some decent enough, others criminal in every line of their faces. There are many of these desperate men in Berlin, many of these dirty, ragged and unhappy wretches, doomed from the day of their birth, but they dare not show themselves in the decent world as they do in London. They sink into these asylums at 5 o'clock; they have their clothes disinfected; they cleanse themselves under shower baths; they eat bread and drink soup, and then they go to bed at 8 o'clock like prisoners to their cells.

Now, this system is a hard one, for when once a man gets down in Berlin it is almost impossible for him to rise. But it has this clear advantage—everybody feels that it is better to work than to fall into the hands of the law.

Rags and misery dare not lie about in the parks or scatter disease through the crowded streets. If there is any virtue in the unemployed state will certainly develop it as well as it is possible to do so. There is a central bureau for providing men with work, and when a man knows that not to work means the workhouse he solicits employment here and elsewhere with such a will as almost compels wages. In one year the state has secured employment for 50,000 men.

The citizen is provided with sanitary dwellings, with unadulterated food, with schools and technical colleges and with insurance for sickness and old age. For a penny he can travel almost from one end of Berlin to the other by electric tramway or electric railway. His streets are clean, brilliantly lighted and noiseless; his cafes and music halls are innumerable. He lives in a palace. And all this is the result of municipal government by experts instead of by amateurs.—London Mail.

OLD AND NEW COINS.

Testing Facts About Coinage at the Different Mints.

The coin of the mint is called on a wide range of questions concerning the values of old and new coins and medals that he has found it necessary to issue circulars covering matters of this sort. They tell some interesting facts. It appears that the mint does not buy old coins or paper money except some rare colonial coins in fine condition, which are desired for the mint cabinet. Mutilated or uncurrent United States gold and silver coin is purchased as bullion. The mint has no pattern pieces for sale. The government pays no premium for the return of any of its coins or paper money. New coins cannot be struck until authorized by an act of congress. The mint supplies United States coins only and not of any past date. The fifty dollar gold piece and the half dollar and quarter dollar pieces in gold were struck by private parties on the California coast during the 1849 period and not by the United States government.

The coinage of the following coins ceased in the years named: Half and 1 cent, copper, in 1857; 1 cent, nickel, 1864; half dime and 3 cents, silver, and 2 cents, bronze, in 1873; 20 cents, silver, 1878; trade dollars, 1883; \$1 and \$3, gold, and 3 cents, nickel, 1889. The Columbian half dollar was coined in 1892 and the Isabella quarter in 1893. The Lafayette dollar was struck in 1899, the date on the coin (1900) being that of the unveiling of the memorial.

There are certain markings on every United States coin that enable the place of its coinage to be located. Those struck at the Philadelphia mint have no mint mark, but those struck at all other mints are distinguished by a small letter on the reverse, near the bottom. These letters are C for Charlotte, N. C., discontinued in 1861; CC for Carson City, Nev., discontinued in 1893; D for Dahlonega, Ga., discontinued in 1861; O for New Orleans and S for San Francisco. The coins of the United States now authorized by law are: In gold, double eagle, eagle, half eagle, quarter eagle; in silver, half dollar, quarter dollar and dime; minor, 5 cent, nickel, and 1 cent, bronze. A person may buy a proof set of gold coins from the mint for \$38.50 and a proof set of silver and minor coins for \$1.50. When the business of the mints is slack medals may be struck from dies furnished by individuals, public institutions and incorporated societies at a charge sufficient to cover the cost of the operation and the value of the metal.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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Why don't you speak out the encouraging words that you have in your thoughts? Unless you express them they are of no use to others.

Why don't you take more pains to be self sacrificing and loving in the everyday home life? Time is rapidly passing. Your dear ones will not be with you always.

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Early Tobacco.

According to John Aubrey, who wrote a celebrated work on "the very queer Indian weeds," there was a time when tobacco was worth its weight in silver. Among other things Aubrey says: "Sir Walter Raleigh was the first that brought tobacco into England, and in our parts—North Wilts—it came in fashion through Sir Walter Long. They used silver pipes, but the commoners used a walnut shell. It was sold then for its weight in silver. I have heard some of your old yeomen neighbors say that when they went to Chippingham to market they always culled out their shillings to lay in the scales against the tobacco. Now the customers of it are among the greatest that his majesty hath."

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A New Year's Retrospect.

Those who look backward from this threshold of a new year, ignoring the merely personal and taking a broad and comprehensive view, will find, as a whole, no previous twelve months have a record comparable with those just past in all that represents material prosperity for this fair land of ours. Starting with the tillers of the soil, whose reward in the great wheat and corn belts has been far above the average, and not overlooking the phenomenal cotton crop gathered that will enrich the south beyond any anticipations, through every branch of industry there has been a larger army of workmen employed and at more nearly full wages, than ever before, and the "balance of trade" has been in favor of this country by a total that aggregates millions.

Hardly less an occasion for mutual congratulation by the people as a whole has been the outcome of the choice of a chief executive and his associate to sit in seats of power for another four years, the vote last November indicating as it did by its phenomenal proportions a unity of feeling and confidence, among a broad section of the country at least, in the integrity of purpose of the men honored, that must be an incentive to give in return the best that is within them.

And why is it the people of another section cannot learn a lesson from the popular majority given to President Roosevelt. Have the people of the south any just reason for enmity against the party that has almost continuously directed the affairs of the government for the last forty years, and seems to be more firmly in control than ever? The Republicans of the United States have no sense of having committed any wrong, and therefore can not grasp the idea that there should be an offer of atonement. In the civil war the paramount purpose was the saving of the Union, and to the arbitrament of that terrible struggle is due to the fact that we have an undivided country. Its people have equal rights. The man of the south is as much a citizen as the man of the north. Of course, it can not be supposed that southerners must be placated on account of the outcome of the civil war. Republican principles are not popular in the south, but they are supported by a large majority of the voters of the nation. Judged by the test of the ballot box, and the success of their application, Republican policies are the best for the general welfare. They need no apology. The results of the war were right. Republican principles are right. If not, the burden of proof rests on other parties. A Republican attitude of having committed some wrong is wholly unwarranted, will never be assumed, and the day is apparently hastening on when suppression of voters will be met by a reduction of strength both in Congress and in the Electoral College.

Prof. Edw. H. Griggs' course of ten lectures on Shakespearean dramas will consider a number of selected plays, chosen as expressing the typical aspects of his work and as revealing the unfolding of his genius and the changes in his attitude toward human life. Though Shakespeare is the most objective dramatist in all literature, never speaking through the lips of the characters he portrays, nevertheless the general atmosphere and moral background of every play reveals the author; and while the traditions of Shakespeare's outer life are meagre and unsatisfying, we may know intimately the mind which created these dramas, not only in its essential spirit but in the unfolding of its power and the development of its faith and philosophy of life. The list of the lectures and the plays they depict will be found in an advertisement.

Preparations for taking the state census in 1905 are well in hand and the next step will be the appointment of enumerators. These are nominated by Mayors of cities and Selectmen in towns, and those engaged in it must be men or women of intelligence and good character, who are in good health and are not physically defective, who are acquainted with the locality in which they are to act, and who can write plainly. They should not be addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors nor connected with its sale. Full information can be obtained at the Town Hall, of the Selectmen, after Jan. 10.

Good-bye, old year. Your leap year did not accomplish anything astonishing. There are yet a few old bachelors left.

Happy New Year! If 1905 looks a bit strange we will soon get used to the odd numbers.

Nothing has been handsomer or more typical in the Christmas decorations than the superb brilliancy of the regal poinsettias and the cardinal Xmas bells. They have given a touch to laurel and evergreen which it otherwise would have lacked.

Thanks to Messrs. Darling & Russell for a bunch of useful blotters; also calendars for 1905 of various sizes and some highly artistic in design and execution. The office is at 55 Kilby street, Boston, and Mr. George O. Russell, of Arlington, is now head of the firm.

Among the toilers of Christmas time have been the postmasters and their clerks. That they have presented such a cheerful countenance to the public, been so obliging and courteous, is witness that they practiced the Christmas spirit even in strenuous times, when spirit and body must alike have been ready to droop and drop from fatigue.

Special Town Meeting.

Perhaps the largest number of legal voters of Arlington ever gathered to transact town business packed Town Hall, last Wednesday evening. Every seat was occupied, every inch of standing room and on stairs and in corridor were many who patiently waited the chance to record their vote on the question under debate in the hall. Walter A. Robinson was chosen moderator in the briefest possible time, only eight votes being cast, and on assuming the gavel was greeted almost simultaneously with motions to take up Arts. 2 and 4. The chair deciding in favor of No. 2, the motion was made to substitute No. 4, but after discussion this was withdrawn and Art. 2 was before the meeting,—to hear and act on reports of committees, etc.

Judge Hardy, as chairman of the committee created by the action of the November meeting, presented the report of that committee, as follows:—

This committee recommend the purchase or taking of land of Russell and Jones, east of the present limits of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, containing about 12 acres, a portion of which shall be set apart for the burial of Roman Catholic residents of the town; and that said portion shall be designated as the Catholic Section of the Cemetery. In the event of the failure of the town to appropriate a sum sufficient for such purchase or taking, then this committee recommend the setting apart for said purpose plots designated "P. T. U." in the present Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Judge Hardy said the committee had held two or three meetings and the result was the unanimous acceptance of the above as the formal recommendation of the committee. Speaking in favor of the adoption of the report, he referred to the number of people interested, the need of more land for burial purposes, following closely the arguments heretofore presented in town meetings in favor of setting apart ground for exclusive use of Roman Catholics. His remarks were supplemented with the display of maps by Chairman W. A. Peirce of the Cemetery Committee, showing lines of proposed purchase and also section of the cemetery referred to as "P. T. U." The new land will cost about \$17,000, on which there is a house assessed for \$3,000, and comprises a little over 12 acres. To him it seemed a good business policy to acquire this land now. The report was received, but no further action was taken.

J. Prescott Gage then called up Art. 4, which reads as follows:—

Art. 4. To see what action the town will take to rescind a certain vote passed at a town meeting held Monday, November 28th, 1904, to wit:—

"Voted.—That the town set apart a reasonable portion of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery for the exclusive use of such Roman Catholic residents of the town as may purchase lots therein; and that a committee of five, to be appointed by the moderator of this meeting, shall, with the Trustees of the Cemetery, carry out the intention of this vote."

Speaking in favor of the adoption of this motion, Mr. Gage claimed to be actuated by high and patriotic motives and governed by a principle that ought to command the active support of every true American citizen. He read a newspaper article in which the unwisdom of discrimination was discussed strongly and logically and with this submitted his case. Rev. Dr. Bisbee followed with expressions of regret that the harmony of the town had been interrupted by this unnecessary introduction of a matter on which there must be radical differences of opinion, and the silence with which arguments in favor of special privileges had been met in the past was a credit to the intelligence and good will of citizens. People in this matter are not swayed by sentiment but are moved by strong convictions. Every one now has the equal right of every one, and in this proposed change, so far as he could see, the only one to be benefited would be the local priest, whose duties might be lightened. What we stand for is "special privileges for none equal rights for all." Rev. J. M. Mulcahy thought it rather uncharitable for one clergyman to intimate that another of the same calling was lazy, and was followed by Charles T. Scannell in a presentation of arguments in favor of adopting the suggestions of the committee, speaking of certain peculiarities of his people as a strong reason why, in the interests of the whole people, a separate section of the cemetery should be assigned for their use. He was followed by Dr. J. W. Bailey with a motion for the previous question, and that being put, arrangements for a ballot vote with use of check list were soon made and voting began. During the voting it was voted that when adjournment was reached it be to Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 7:30 o'clock. At 10:40 the ballot was declared closed and the result was, in favor of rescinding, 571 to 333. The original motion was carried 327 yes, 266 no.

As near as we can ascertain, the committee arrived at a unanimous decision to recommend the setting apart of a portion of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in accordance with the wording of the article in the warrant for the November meeting, adopted Nov. 28, first because it would result in the sale of a large number of lots in a section now vacant; second, that citizens not Roman Catholic would more readily buy lots if certain contiguous lots would not be purchased by Catholics; third, that by so doing (maintaining this idea of exclusiveness) citizens would be induced to purchase lots in Mt. Pleasant who might otherwise buy at Mt. Auburn or other grounds selected by wealthy people; fourth, that the setting apart a section for a distinct sect is in no way material; fifth, it is a good business proposition. All these are true or false as one sees fit to view them. The mass of our citizens seem to think a principle is involved in any sort of discrimination regarding the use of any portion of the public property and strenuously object to it. About seventy-five lots in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery are already owned by our fellow citizens of the Roman Catholic faith, and any others who desire to do so can buy lots there so long as any are for sale. It will be time enough to talk about more land when what is now held in trust by the Cemetery Committee has been to a sufficient degree exhausted.

One of the most successful clubs in the history of the Middlesex gun club was held at its traps in East Lexington on Monday. The shoot took up the entire day, the attendance was very large and much enthusiasm was shown by the members. President Fay was out of the contest that day, owing to an accident about a week ago, his automobile blowing up and the flames badly burning his eyes, thus making it impossible for him to shoot. The shooting for the Burns cup was finished and the trophy was awarded to W. H. Buhler, who won by a handicap of six birds. A new series for a hammerless gun was also commenced and the first leg was won by Dr. Gleason. The next big meet will be on Washington's birthday.

The opening week of the New Year will bring to Keith's a strong and most comprehensive list of vaudeville entertainers. The Four Mortons will make their final appearance, prior to their debut in musical comedy. They need no introduction, as they are known as the cleverest quartet of comedians, dancers and singers present appearing in the varieties. Some of the others on the long bill are Mary Dupont and company, in a new comedy sketch, "A Leap Year Leap;" Carter and Blufford, lively "real con" singers and dancers; Jules and Ella Garrison, the noted burlesquers, in an entirely new vehicle, "An Ancient Roman," which will give them special and appropriate scenery; Elmer Tenley, Irish dialect comedian and singer; Luigi Dell'Oro, European novelty musician, this being his first appearance in America, and the Orpheus comedy four. The children will be specially entertained by a group of wonderful little dogs and the latest comedy picture in the biograph. It should be noted that the foregoing list of entertainers will not be seen elsewhere in Boston.

Theatre Notes.

George Ade's brilliant comedy, "The County Chairman," continues to be the biggest hit of the season, and the Tremont Theatre is nightly filled with applauding audiences. This admirable transcript of life in the middle west, with its portrayal of quaint characters, its homely philosophy and wit, represent the best efforts of Mr. Ade who is beyond all peradventure the greatest living humorist. So many are the happy features in "The County Chairman," it is unnecessary to dilate upon them. There is romance, sentiment, and great big stirring spectacular features which never fail to please the eye as well as the ear. Every lover of comedy should not fail to see this excellent example of light comedy, portrayed as it is by one of the most capable organizations ever assembled in a play of this type. Concerning the principal actors of "The County Chairman," nothing but praise has been accorded them, and Maclyn Arbuckle, Willis Sweetnam, Frances Ring, Grace Fisher and others divide honors in this brilliant ensemble.

America's foremost player and greatest comedian, F. C. Goodwin, is the stellar attraction at the Colonial Theatre for two weeks, commencing with Monday, December 26th, in his latest comedy drama, "The Unrper," which from all accounts is probably the best that this star has ever appeared in. The play itself bristles with brightness and is cheerful, entrancing, enjoyable evening's entertainment without one jarring note to mar its enjoyment. Its story is wholesome, its motive is clean, and its theme that of love. Of course, everyone knows how a role in which the dominant passion predominates fits Mr. Goodwin, and that he will not only be a man of affairs but in which he will also pursue the dictates of his heart, goes without saying. "The Unrper" contains many touches of pathos, is full of clean, bright comedy moments, possesses a dialogue that is crisp and fairly scintillates with flashes of the keenest kind of wit, and is worth seeing.

Edward Howard Griggs, ten lectures on Shakespeare Thursday Afternoons, at 4:15 o'clock, At Tremont Temple.

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You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Lowell, in said County of Middlesex, on the seventeenth day of January, A. D. 1905, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks, in the Lexington MIDDLESEX, a newspaper published in Lexington, the last publication to be on day, at least, before said Court.

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Brief News Items.

General Horace Porter is to retire from his office as Ambassador to France and will be succeeded by George L. von Meyer of Boston.

Charles L. Tucker, charged with the murder of Mabel Page, comes to trial next week. He has been in jail some nine months.

Attorney-General Moody has started in the price of the great paper trust that controls the price of that important commodity in a section of the middle west.

The heavy fog accompanying the storm of Tuesday and Wednesday was responsible for several accidents and delay in all sorts of transportation lines. New York suffered to a greater extent than was the case in Boston.

With more than \$100,000 tied up in the receiver's hands since 1891, we do not wonder that interested parties are "kicking" for some sort of a settlement of the Danvers bank case. The wreckers of the bank were sent to prison a long time ago. Yes, law's delays are annoying to clients.

Dr. Chadwick, husband of the "queen of swindlers," was arrested in New York on the arrival of the steamer on which he sailed from Europe, and goes to Cleveland to explain his connection with the \$3,000,000 Carnegie note, the basis of the great fraud that deceived and ruined banks and capitalists.

At the final meeting of the Boston School Committee of 1904 Tuesday evening, the board of supervisors reported that it is of the opinion that, from an educational standpoint, it is desirable to discontinue separate elementary schools for boys and girls, and to establish in place thereof mixed schools.

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RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts, \$233,955.90
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, 31.04
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 12,000.00
Bonds, securities, etc., 90,063.05
Accrued interest, 361.38
Due from approved reserve agents, 18,059.89
Internal Revenue Stamps, 46.04
Notes of other National Banks, 805.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents, 170.31
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:—
Specie, 13,318.60
Legal tender notes, 9,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, (5 per cent of circulation) 625.00
Total, \$380,136.77

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in, \$50,000.00
Surplus fund, 26,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, 9,440.03
National Bank notes outstanding, 12,000.00
Due to State Banks and Bankers, 867.18
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks, 21,822.86
Dividends unpaid, 12.50
Individual deposits subject to check, 260,791.23
Total, \$380,136.77

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I, John A. Easton, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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NEW BOOKS.

Baker, R. S. "Boys' second book of inventions." 608.3
Barbour, Ralph H. "Arrival of Jimpson, and other stories for boys about boys." 16885.7

"On your mark! Story of college life and athletics." 16885.6
Beard, Lina and Adella. "Handicraft and recreation for girls." 790.11

Bedford, Jessie [Elizabeth Godfrey]. "Social life under the Stuarts." 46.12
Blanchard, Amy E. "Little tomboy." 19765.12

"Two Maryland girls." 19765.13
Block, I. S. "Future of war in its technical, economic and political relations." 355.5

Boston, Mass. Public library. Annual list of new and important books added. 1902-03. R. L.
Brady, Cyrus T. "Midshipman in the Pacific. (Boys of the service)." 2125.8

Burnham, Clara L. "Jewel's story book. Sequel to Jewel." 2345.16
Cox, Palmer. "Brownies in the Philippines." 1093.49

Deland, Ellen D. "Josephine." 3291.3
Dewey, M. and others, editors. A. L. A. catalog. 8000 volumes for a popular library, with notes. 1904. R. L.

DuBois, Mary C. "Elinor Arden, royalist." 35463.1
Eliot, C. W. "More money for the public schools." 379.4

Fletcher, H. "That last wail; or, social quarantine." 372.23
Grant, Robert. "Undercurrent." 4365.10

Grey, Marian E. "Greselda." 44373.1
Griffin, A. P. C., compiler. "Select list of books (with references to periodicals) relating to the far East." 86.12

Hall, G. S. "Adolescence: its psychology and its relations to physiology, etc." 2v. 150.25
Hearn, L. "Japan: an attempt at interpretation." 88.66

Hooker, Joseph, Major General. "Equestrian statue of Hooker, erected and dedicated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, June 25, 1903." 5096.90

Hosie, A. Manchuria: its people, resources and recent history. 88.69
Ibsen, H. "Prose dramas, v. 3, 4." 5303.32

Jackson, Gabrielle E. "Three Graces." 5413.3
"Three Graces at college. Sequel to Three Graces." 5413.4

Kaler, James O. [James Otis]. "With Rodgers on the President." 5606.19
Kelly, Myra. "Little citizens. Humours of school life." 56403.1

Kingston, Wm. H. G. "Adventures of Dick Onslow among the Red Skins." 5712.211

Kipling, Rudyard. "Tales and discoveries. [Poems and stories]." 5722.13
Lodge, Thomas. "Rosalynde." 60725.1

Lovejoy, Mary L., compiler. "Nature in verse. Poetry reader for children." 1068.440

McCutcheon, Geo. B. "Beverly of Graustark." 6245.3
Mach, E. R. O. von. "Greek sculpture: its spirit and principles." 733.6

Mason, Alfred E. W. "Tunants." 6489.5
Munroe, C. Kirk. "Blue dragon. A tale of recent adventure in China." 6961.27

Murray, W. H. H. "Old apple tree's Easter; or, a tale of nature's resurrection." 6982.52

New-York Mirror. "Weekly journal devoted to literature and the fine arts." v. 12, 13. 1834, 1835. R. L.

Old South leaflets. v. 6. 900.5
Olin, W. M., compiler. "Massachusetts soldiers and sailors of the revolutionary war." v. 12. R. L.

Ray, Anna C. "Nathalie's sister. Sequel to Ursula's freshman." 7748.9
Rhodes, J. F. "History of the United States from the compromise of 1850." v. 5. 1864-66. 919.13

Scherer, J. A. B. "Japan to-day." 88.68
Seton, Ernest T. "Monarch, the big bear of Taliaac." 9027.4

Shaler, N. S. "Comparison of the features of the earth and the moon. (Smithsonian contributions to knowledge.)" 523.33

Smith, Gertrude. "Lovable tales of Janey and Josey and Joe." 8490.6
"Roggie and Reggie stories." 8490.5

"Stories of Peter and Ellen." 8490.7
Smithsonian Institution. "Annual report of the Board of Regents for the year ending June 30, 1903." 500.9

Smollett, Tobias G. "Adventures of Roderick Random." 3 v. 85143.1
Sterne, Laurence. "Life and opinions of Tristram Shandy." 2v. 8724.2

Stoddard, Wm. O. "Jack Morgan, a boy of 1812." 8772.24
Suttner, Bertha, baroness von. "Lay down your arms." 88502.1

True, F. W. "Whalebone whales of the western North Atlantic compared with those occurring in European waters, etc. (Smithsonian contributions to knowledge.)" 599.10

Underwood, Lillias H. "Fifteen years among the Top-Knots; or, life in Korea." 88.67

University of Chicago. "President's report. Administration. First series." v. 1. 378.11

Vital records of Bellingham, Mass., to the year 1850. 995.44
Waller, Mary E. "Little citizen. 9433.3

Williams, W., editor. "State of Missouri. Autobiography." 961.7
"Juvenile books." Dec. 31, 1904.

Miss Ellen Crowley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Crowley of Court street, and David McLaughlin, son of Michael McLaughlin of Charlestown, were married Sunday evening, at the parochial residence of St. Agnes church by Rev. John M. Mulcahy, rector. The best man was John Smith of Charlestown and Miss Ann Crowley, a sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid.

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EAST LEXINGTON LOCALS.

Remember schools begin again next week Tuesday.

Miss Emma and Miss Carrie Fiske spent Monday at Arlington with relatives.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes Lockwood entertained a company of twenty.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Locke, from Providence, R. I., spent the holidays at the old home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanscomb, of Beverly, were guests at Mr. Edward Garmon's during the holidays.

They had a fine tree and a pleasant gathering, Monday evening, at Mr. Wm. Sims, on Fern street.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Caldwell and Miss Mildred Caldwell spent Sunday with Mr. John Caldwell, at Winchester.

Miss Etta Bacon came from Norwood, where she is now teaching, to spend the vacation with her mother and brother.

Miss Augusta Jackson and her friend who teaches at Arlington and boards with her at Mr. Cooke's, spent the vacation at Conway, N. H.

Mrs. Sydney Butterfield's friends are glad she had sufficiently recovered from her illness to enjoy Monday at her son's, Mr. Alvin Butterfield.

Mrs. Loring Peirce entertained a family party at Christmas time, children and grandchildren and even the new little great-granddaughter.

Miss Carrie Kauffmann, from Manchester, Conn., and her sister Miss Florence, from Manchester-by-the-Sea, have been home this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Greene, of Boston, spent the holidays at her old home. We regret to hear that the family think of leaving soon for their home in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett J. Harrington had a well filled Christmas tree and entertained a large company of relatives and friends at a sumptuous Xmas dinner.

Mr. C. H. Cook preached for the Baptists, Sunday evening, a sermon appropriate to the season, his text being Luke 2:10-11. He spoke of the Christ child and his development, becoming the Savior of men.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Locke celebrated Xmas with their son's family at their new home on Winthrop road. Miss Henrietta Locke has returned from her school labors in New Hampshire.

Miss Marjorie Dodge has undergone the operation for appendicitis at the Waltham Hospital and we hear is doing well. Her many friends regretted that one so full of life when well should be sick at Xmas time.

We have heard of many instances, not alone here but in adjoining towns, where the wives of rich men have filled many baskets with all the good things for a Xmas dinner and distributed them to the poor in the town. Blessed is he that receives, but more blessed the giver.

The card party at Village Hall, Wednesday evening, Dec. 28, given under the auspices of two young ladies, former pupils of Miss Ingram, when she taught here, is reported as pleasant, but we do not know how much money they have to buy coupons from the Globe and thus aid Miss Ingram in the contest.

We have heard many pleasant remarks made relative to the Xmas of 1904, feeling that they enjoyed so much the double holiday; for some on Sunday felt that was the day for its observance, while others waited until Monday, saying that a week day was more in accord with civilization and they wanted to fill the day with merriment.

Mr. Frank Mason's many friends here were glad to welcome him home again from his busy life in Glen Falls, New York, looking well. One of the pleasantest features of the holidays is that they reunite home circles, and Xmas seems to attract even the busiest business men to leave all and go to the old home.

Rev. L. D. Cochrane preached on Sunday a Xmas sermon, the subject being "The Spirit of Xmas." He spoke of the Christian spirit of kindness and good will that permeated our homes and society and he hoped the time would come when there would be everywhere the complete fulfillment of this spirit and the angels sang of "Peace on earth good will to men."

Saturday evening Follen church and Sunday school had a tree in the church.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS LOCALS.

—A Happy New Year to all?

—Mr. Ingleton Schenck returned to Millinocket on Tuesday.

—The meeting of the Sun-hine Club was omitted for this week.

—Mrs. J. Herbert Mead will entertain the Luncheon Club next Tuesday.

—Mrs. C. E. King entertained friends from Portland, Me., over Christmas.

—Mr. M. P. Dickie and family spent the holiday with relatives in Jamaica Plain.

—Mrs. Edward H. Downing, of Mass. avenue, has been on the sick list the past two weeks.

—An eleven and one-half pound boy was born, Dec. 22, to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Chickering.

—Rev. Mr. Lannin, who has a pastorate in New York, spent Christmas with his family at the Heights.

—Mrs. E. W. Phillips is very ill with pneumonia, having been confined to the house for several weeks.

—Miss Muriel Brandenburg, of Westminster ave., is spending her Christmas vacation with relatives in New York.

—Mr. C. T. Parsons' mother, Mrs. Andrews, and his brother, Mr. C. H. Parsons, spent the festive holiday with the former's family.

—On Friday evening, at the Park Avenue church, occurred the preparatory lecture for the communion service to be observed Sunday morning after the regular service.

—Miss Josephine Davidson entertained the whist club of which she was a member last season, with a hearty party, held Wednesday evening at her parents' home on Crescent Hill avenue.

—The Charles H. Brockways held a family reunion on Xmas, Mr. Clarence Brockway coming on from Cleveland O., and Mr. and Mrs. Clark, with their little daughter, from Southbridge.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jukes announce the engagement of their daughter, Lilian May, to Mr. Ernest Francis Gilmour, of Montreal. Mr. Gilmour has been visiting his fiancée's family the current week.

—Mr. George Hill, of Toronto, joined his wife, who is visiting at the George R. Dwellers, for the Christmas celebration. Mr. Hill returned the first of the week, but Mrs. Hill will remain here until the first of February.

—The annual meeting of Park Avenue church will occur Jan. 10. The members of the parish will meet at seven o'clock to partake of a supper, after which reports of the year will be read and officers to serve for 1905 be elected.

—The school children have been having great fun this week coasting down the hills that were made one glare sheet of ice from the rains of Tuesday and Wednesday. The skates that good Saint Nick brought to some were made use of by the more venturesome boys who, for lack of something better, used the hills to skate on.

—Wednesday morning, from 10 until 12 o'clock, Miss Edith Mann gave a party to her piano pupils. The parents were included in the invitation and, despite the disagreeable weather conditions that made walking almost impossible, there were a goodly number present, although not all of the thirteen pupils. The first part of the morning was devoted to a short musical program in which the pupils were heard in solo numbers, the members of the kindergarten class giving an interesting exhibition of their knowledge of some of the composers they had studied. A table spread with all the good things, including a stocking filled with nuts and candy, and a Christmas ball, containing a gift for each, were the crowning features of the happy event.

—The Baptist church held services on Sunday, as usual, the pastor preaching in the morning from Rev. 2:17. The evening sermon was given on a Christmas subject, "Crowded Out," and a large number were present. The concert and tree were given Monday evening. A heavily laden tree, handsomely decorated with electric lights and strings of popcorn, besides other fancy decorations, was standing at one side of the room. After the concert was given, the committee, under the chairman, Miss Sadie Bacon, distributed the gifts, which included a bag of candy for all and books for the primary department. Supt. Ellis Worthington presided over the concert, which was very fine, the little ones showing off to their best.

—Christmas was celebrated at the Methodist church in quite an elaborate manner. On Saturday evening, the annual Sunday school tree was held. Rev. Mr. Rust gave two readings, and Miss Edith Watt also gave a recitation. The tree was very prettily decorated, an electric light making a very pretty effect. Mr. J. F. Winchcomb was chairman of the decoration committee. Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Rust gave a sermon in keeping with the day, and in the evening the annual concert was given. The committee, Miss Mabel Dow, chairman, deserve praise for the fine program rendered, which was listened to by a large audience. Mrs. Harvey Bacon was the accompanist of the evening. At the close of the service Mr. F. J. Harling, in behalf of the church, presented Mr. Rust with an envelope, containing a good sum in gold and bills, and the latter responded with an appropriate speech.

—Miss Ella Averill entertained, Tuesday evening, at her parents' home, the club of which she is a member, called "The Busy Bees," most of whom are from out of town. The evening was for the most part devoted to music and proved delightful for the dozen young ladies present. Miss Bigelow, of Somerville, who has a beautiful soprano voice, gave solo numbers; also, Miss Ella Smith, of this section, who is a member of the Handel and Haydn Society and a contralto of fine quality. Both young ladies sang duets with Miss Josephine Learned, her sweet voice blending well in the selections chosen. Miss Edith Mann contributed a brilliant piano solo and was the accompanist of the evening. An immense red crepe paper Xmas pudding contained a souvenir for all present, after which refreshments were served by the hostess.

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Christmas at Arlington Churches.

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Response, "Hark, what mean those holy voices," arr. Chelius
Anthem, "Behold, I bring you good tidings," Church
Postlude, Hallelujah Chorus, Handel
Mrs. Elinor Outback, Soprano; Miss Helen McDevitt, Alto; Mrs. Chas. N. Hall, Tenor; Mr. Chas. D. Waterman, Bass; Mr. William E. Wood, organist and director.

The school service included exercises introducing Supt. Richardson, Dr. Watson, three selections by the choir, a carol by little ones led by Miss Ruth Richardson, recitation on "Voice of the Christ Child," and songs by the school. Mr. E. Nelson Blake's sickness prevented the story he had promised to read.

The Altar Guild of the Universalist church concluded its work as an organization under this name by decorating the church on Sunday and very effectively did they discharge this last office. Quantities of holly was used, spruce trees, wreaths of laurel, globes of ground pine, and red berries. A gold star and red bell made the crowning touch in an exceedingly handsome and elaborate decoration. Rev. Mr. Fisher chose his text from Luke 2:10-11, the subject being "The Source of Joy." The ladies chorus, directed by Mrs. Elmer Stevens at the organ assisted by Mr. William Marshall violinist and Mrs. Grace Munroe Marshall, soloist, gave the following program, one of the best ever heard at this church:

Offertory on two Christmas Hymns, Organ
Christmas Pastoral, Gullmunt
Women's Chorus, "Tantum Ego," Saint Sæns
"There were Shepherds," Wely
"O little town of Bethlehem," Conant
"A dream of Bethlehem," Rodney
Offertory, "Violin and Organ," Pastoral,
Organ Postlude, "Hallelujah Chorus," Handel

At four o'clock in the afternoon the Sunday school assembled in the auditorium of the church to present an exercise appropriate, under the direction of Supt. of the school, Mr. James O. Holt and the pastor, Rev. H. F. Fisher. The chorus choir of ladies voices rendered a beautiful opening anthem with solo by Mrs. William Marshall and violin obligato by Mr. Marshall. Owing to the fact that many families were celebrating the day in their own homes, the attendance of the school was somewhat lessened thereby, this number including some who were to have taken part in the concert. The exercises, however, did not suffer thereby, for all taking part did creditably and the single recitations and those in groups made a pleasing exercise of over one hour in length, interspersed as they were with carols by the school. Miss Henrietta Dammun sang a beautiful solo in a pleasing manner, displaying a talent that will undoubtedly increase with further cultivation. One of the prettiest features of the concert was the offering taken by four of the tiniest little ones. At the conclusion of the exercises the pastor stepped to the front and in a brief but heartfelt speech unveiled the picture of the school's late lamented superintendent, Mr. Oran B. Marston, to which Supt. Holt responded in an appropriate manner, accepting the picture in behalf of the school. The children taking part were as follows:

Single recitations: Susie Whittenore, Mildred Patten, Jack Bishop, Grace Eastman, Russell Smith, in groups, Osgood Holt, Ella Kimball, Wendell Roycroft, Edith Winn, Lawrence Munch, Frances Robbins, Handin Robbins, Olive Jenkins, Bertha Yerrinton, Edith Whittenore, Ruth Goodidge, Harriet Holt, Ella Kimball, Eleanor Bishop, Edith Winn, Dorothy and Edith Munch.

The Unitarian church was decorated by Miss Florence Harris, Miss Edna Pierce and Master Warren A. Pierce, Jr. It showed a graceful festooning of a quantity of laurel. The pulpit was the center for elaborating the design with a mass of palms, while on the communion table were banded potted Easter lilies. The festooning started from the ceiling and extended into the audience room, the arrangement being handsome and somewhat of a departure from what is usually seen here. At the morning service, Rev. Frederic Gill preached on "The Confidence of the Child." The musical program was of rare merit, and reflected much credit on all the singers, and was enhanced by the music of the violin. It was as follows:

Organ Prelude, "Intermezzo," Mascagni
Solo, Violin and Organ,
Christmas Anthem, "O Zion, that tellest," Buck
Bass Solo, Soprano and Alto Duet, Quartet and Vocal Ensembles
Christmas Carols, "Softly and gently the night is sleeping," Tenor Solo, Quartet and Violin, Gilbert
Soprano Solo, "The Anthem Celestial," Adams
Violin Obligato,
Christmas Anthem, "Angels from the realms of glory," Neidlinger
Closing Anthem, "Hark, what mean those voices singing," arr. from Gounod
Soprano and Violin in Duet and Quartet
Refrain,
Organ Postlude, "Gloria from 12th Mass," Mozart

The vestry was well filled on Sunday afternoon, at four o'clock, when members of the Sunday school presented the cantata "The Joy of the Christmas Morn," by Lizzie De Armond, with music by C. Austin Miles. Mrs. H. F. Martin was responsible for the success of the exercises and to her is due the credit for a most interesting service, of about an hour in length. Rev. Frederic Gill made the opening prayer, followed by responsive reading by the school. Miss Edith Frost generously gave her services and rendered in an enjoyable manner "Glory to Heaven's Eternal King," by Meyer Van Helmund. The cantata was then given by the following scholars: Rena Gray, Beryl O'Hara, Ruth Hawes, Agatha Smith; Dorothy Homer, as Night; Herbert Buttrick, Irene Worthen, Christine Livingstone, Dorothy Cutler, Christine Darling, Beatrice Brackett and Marjory Wood acting as archbearers. "The longing for Christ to come" was told by the first four mentioned misses who were responded to by "Night" who told the prophesy of the coming of Christ. Herbert Buttrick was the messenger of "The joy of His birth," and a star of electric lights heralded the good news, which was sung in a sweet, tuneful voice by Irene Worthen. The joy of the children was given by the three little ones in the cantata, who recited the bell song, carrying the bells in their hands. The final chorus made a pretty sight as those taking part marched with their holly wreaths through the holly arch made by Miss Brackett and Miss Wood, their dresses of white against the green making a most effective scene. Supt. John H. Hardy concluded the exercises with a talk on his own reminiscences of a boy's Christmas fifty years ago, which made all the children present thank their lucky stars that they were living in the present atmosphere rather than that of the past.

The services at St. Agnes' church were largely attended and were announced excepting a change in the music that was necessitated by an unfortunate and painful accident to the organist, Miss Lucy J. Butler. As she was taking her seat at the organ to play for the high mass she tripped and in falling sprained the thumb of her left hand, causing the whole hand to become badly swollen and inflamed. One of the sisters from St. Joseph's parochial school took her place, but another mass had to be substituted. The church was decorated with green about the altar and at the shrine of St. Joseph there was a representation of the birth of Christ in the manger surrounded by the holy family. Rev. J. M. Mulcahy and his assistants, the Rev. Frs. A. J. Fitzgerald and A. S. Malone, celebrated the mass.

Christmas Tree Festivals.

Christmas Eve at Lexington was marked by a series of Christmas tree festivals which provided enjoyment for a large percentage of children of the town. The crisp winter weather, snow covered ground and other appropriate conditions, made it a typical holiday season and good wishes good cheer and merry-making abounded on all sides.

In making the round of these festivities we first looked in at the Baptist church, where Santa Claus (Lewis Ames) made his appearance about the same time and disclosed a beautiful tree laden with gifts and lit by innumerable small candles, placed in the parlor. This was provided by the Christian Endeavor Society for a group of girls from the Baptist Seamen's Bethel of Boston. An ice cream treat was an added delight.

At the church of Our Redeemer the distribution of gifts was preceded by a short service conducted by the Rev. Dr. Ayer. The Sunday school is a large one, considering the size of the parish, numbering some sixty children. All of these were generously remembered, Miss Garfield having an oversight that none were neglected, while Dr. Ayer was assisted in dismantling the tree by Mr. G. Vanderburgh Brown and other willing helpers. A pleasant group of adult members of the parish were present and an exchange of greetings made it a happy time.

A tree, whose graceful tapering spire towered to the top of the chancel alcove, in Hancock church, was the most lofty of all the festive trees. It made the central feature of the decorations of the church and was lit by red, white, blue and green electric bulbs. "Fusel and pop corn, with a semblance of snow and ice tipping the branches, made the tree a glittering object of great beauty. A little drama entitled "An old-time Christmas," was enacted before the presents were distributed, as arranged by Mrs. George M. White. The parts were appropriately costumed, the children recited pieces and sang carols, while grandma (Miss Grace French) told a story. The other adult parts were taken by Mr. H. M. Munroe, Mrs. White and Miss Redman and Miss Houghton. The church male quartette, including Messrs. Geo. W. Buck, C. C. Goodwin, E. P. Merriam and F. D. Brown, assisted by singing a selection heard as an echo in the distance. Supt. James P. Prince was not overlooked in the gift giving. The school presented him with a large tinted photograph picture suitably framed, taken "Off the coast of Norway," the title of the picture, for which gift he suitably expressed his sincere appreciation. The committee having the affair in charge was as follows:

Howard M. Munroe, chairman, Mrs. G. W. White, Miss Thayer, Miss Louise Downer, Stanley Prince, Tom Carter, Kenneth Redman, Misses George Burr, Beatrice Stevens, Marjorie Houghton, Elmina Munroe, Madeline Newell.

The young people of the First Parish (Unitarian) church, and some of their older friends, assembled in the audience room after five o'clock and, led by Mr. J. E. Ballard, sang carols till supper time, when all repaired to the supper room, where Mrs. A. E. Locke and many willing helpers had provided a supper quite to the liking of the large company of youth and little ones. The decorations were in charge of Mrs. C. B. Davis, and the room was bright with crimson streamers and green, while the little tots had a table in the center which was adorned with a Xmas tree. Miss Kirkland had charge of the tables and Miss Gertrude Smith the waiters. In the vestry, up stairs, was a large symmetrical tree on which innumerable electric lights twinkled and other decorations, which made it an entrancing sight, not only to the little ones, but to all beholders. Mr. Louis L. Crone, Miss Mary Hunt and Miss Ruth Brigham divided with Mrs. Davis the superintendency of the various details of the tree festival, with Santa Claus (Mr. H. G. Locke) as their messenger of good cheer and gift bestowing.

Promptly at five o'clock the children of Miss Robinson's Kindergarten were given their Christmas tree party at the city little school house. Some fifteen children were their guests and provided with presents and other good cheer as a reminder of their generous little benefactors. The parents of Kindergarteners participated in the festivities, which were a delight to old and young as they went through their songs and marching.

Monday evening, the legal holiday of the great church festival, the Sunday school of the Baptist church had a tree and captured two Santa Clauses to make merry in the vestry of the church. The party took place from 6:30 to 8 o'clock. There were boxes of candy and gifts for all. The Sunday school quartette, composed of Messrs. F. A. Macdonald, Paul Greenwood, Ernest Fessenden and Louis Ames, sang carols and the party proved in every way a happy one.

O. B. C. Notes

This (Friday) evening the assembly hall will witness the second performance of "Papa Bouchard."

Miss Packard's dancing class was omitted this Wednesday evening.

The house bowling tournament is drawing to a close. There were games on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of this week. Monday was a big day at the club and all the games well patronized by the male members who were out in full force. It proved a common meeting ground for many old friends.

Janitor Mark Dodd was remembered on Xmas with a purse of money from his many friends in the club, the presentation speech falling to Mr. E. C. Stevens.

The monthly dance this Saturday evening, the 31st, is termed a New Year's Eve party and ought to be a happy and largely attended assembly. It is to be simply an informal dance and will last only until ten twenty.

The third tournament in the series for the team of four championship of the Mystic Valley League was played at the Central Club.

Dec. 21, eighty-four players contesting under the Mitchell system. The Waltham Whist Club's team carried off the honors of the tourney, and advanced to second place; the Old Belfry Club still leads, but by a reduced margin. The pairs winning the high-score prizes were John Bartlett, J. H. McNeil, North and South; B. L. Turner, J. E. Cox and W. O. Partridge—W. R. Champney, East and West. The club standing is as follows:

Club	Dec. 14	Total
Old Belfry Club, Lexington	12	574
Waltham Whist Club, Waltham	20	530
Towanda Club, Woburn	1	10
Towanda Club, Medford	5	10
Alta Ego Club, Chelsea	6	10
Harvard University Whist Club	4	10
Central Club, Somerville	7	10

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The schools resume their sessions on Tuesday next, Jan. 31, '05. Happy New Year!

The soprano member of the First Parish choir, last Sabbath, was Miss Bessier.

Mr. and Mrs. David S. Mitchell, of Pittsburg, Pa., arrived at "Birkenknoll" Christmas Eve, to spend the holiday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. O. Whiting.

Secretaries, or clerks of churches, societies and the different lodges or organizations are requested to send to this office at their annual election the new list of officers so that we may publish accurate lists.

Two little girls of our town planned to play the role of Santa Claus, and collected numerous gifts for this purpose, but as one of them was taken sick the other little miss valiantly discharged the loving task.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis W. Tower at the home of Mr. H. G. Janvin, the grandfather, on Percy road, Friday night, Dec. 23d. The little one came on the 85th birthday of Mrs. Tower's grandmother which made a happy coincidence in the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett C. Gaffney (nee May Worcester) are the proud parents of a son, who was recently welcomed to their home at Newton Highlands. Miss Alice Goodwin, of Lexington, has been attending Mrs. Gaffney in her professional capacity.

The hearing on the petition for drugists' licenses, arranged by the Selectmen for Saturday afternoon, Dec. 24th, was postponed at that time till this Saturday evening, Dec. 31st, at 7:30 o'clock, in their office in Town Hall. The postponement was in compliance with a request of the Law Enforcement Society.

Monday evening, at seven o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pfaff, Jr., gave their annual Xmas dinner party at "Oakmont," Lexington. Covers were laid for sixteen guests, and the dinner occupied nearly three hours in serving and was charming in all its appointments. The decorations were in the national colors displayed in red and white carnations and violets. The party was a genial, as well as congenial, one and the host and hostess entertained delightfully.

The interior of the Church of Our Redeemer is always a picture, but it is enhanced by the decorations of laurel and evergreen at Christmas time. A triple arch of green in the chancel and the altar, with its fine lines handsomely defined in green, with a draping of the laurel about the archway and pulpit, all dressed the artistic interior most becomingly. Rev. Dr. Ayer officiated at the double service on Sunday,—communion at 8 o'clock and record celebration at 11. Miss Rose Morse presided at the organ and the choir sang "Sing O Heavens," by Tours, as an anthem, also Dudley Buck's Te Deum and Benedictus, Tours' Communion service in C, including the Kyrie, Credo, Benedictus, Agnus Dei and Gloria in Excelsis, was also rendered.

The Lexington Chapter, D. A. R., will hold a meeting at 47 Mr. Vernon street, Boston, Saturday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. It will be an occasion of more than ordinary interest, as it commemorates the 129th anniversary of General Montgomery's death, Dec. 31, 1775, and Mr. Walter Gilman Page, the eminent artist, will speak on "Gen. Montgomery and the Siege of Quebec." Mr. Page is well qualified for his subject, for, as chairman of the committee of the Sons of the Revolution, to place a tablet where Gen. Montgomery fell, in Quebec, he became familiar with many historical facts of great interest and which he will give for the first time to Americans.

Two men resident of Bedford, said to be employed by Prescott, the milk purveyor, returned from the city on Friday evening, Dec. 23d, feeling gay. They made an onslaught on Norris F. Conley's greenhouses at North Lexington, on the Bedford road. Mr. Conley discovered his loss and notified Chief Kelley, of Bedford, that the men had picked two hundred of his pinks. The chief was ready for the men on their arrival in that town and arrested them in spite of a stiff fight put up by one of the delinquents, who had boasted that no officer in Bedford was big enough to do it. In the Concord police court, on Saturday last, one was fined \$5 and the other \$25. The man who got the severest punishment was awarded the smaller fine.

"The Incarnate Word" was Rev. F. A. Macdonald's theme at the Baptist church, Sunday forenoon, while the choir, directed by Prof. Ripley, gave an enjoyable rendering of the programme printed last week. In the evening there was a symbolical service by the Sunday school, which was quite elaborately gotten up and carried out with beautiful effect. Supt. W. O. Ames had decorated the church the previous Saturday, so that the chancel arch was a bower hung with laurel most gracefully disposed, the pulpit wreathed in hemlock, and there was a background of pine trees. Wreaths and Xmas bells accented the design. The choir had part in the evening service, as well as pastor and superintendent. The first exercise given was called "Christmas Greeting." It introduced Miss Ripley in a costume representing Christmas, while eight children representing the various nations brought their tribute of good tidings to her in suitable greetings, the whole closing with the hymn, "Joy to the World." The second exercise was "Father Time's picture of the past and future," introducing a variety of recitations and tableaux, with those taking part in costume. Miss Agnes Packard enacted the role of the Herald Angel; then there were three shepherds introduced, the tableaux of the cross and of the angels and assembling of the different nations. The older and youngest pupils in the school took part and the whole was so successfully carried out as to reflect much credit on the ladies who directed the exercises.

Miss Irene Ames gave a reading that described the oratorio, "The Messiah," in a beautiful and exceedingly graphic way. It closed with the singing of "Coronation."

Rev. F. A. Macdonald will preach Sunday forenoon on "Winners of Souls." In the evening his topic will be "A New Year Code."

The members of the Shakesperian Club have received notification of a meeting this evening, with Miss Elizabeth Harrington, when a "Winter's Tale" will be read.

Services Sunday at Church of Our Redeemer will be: Holy communion, 8 a. m.; Sunday school, 9:45; litany and holy communion, with sermon, at 11; evening prayer and sermon, 5 p. m.

Elbridge Glass is doing the grading at Mr. Francis H. Locke's new house on Winthrop road and is taking the gravel from the excavation under the railroad bed at the proposed "subway" crossing on Grant street.

The Friday evening conference meeting is omitted at the Baptist church this week. The Watch Night service Saturday night, begins a series of special services in observance of "The Week of Prayer."

Mr. Homer Locke came down from Burlington, Vt., last week Saturday, to be with his parents over the holiday, returning on Thursday to his duties as clerk of Hotel Burlington, where he has been employed for some time.

The legal holiday at Lexington wore an outward aspect like a Sabbath day—quiet and uneventful, but in our homes it was quite different for when there was not merited there was much of peaceful happiness.

The Lexington Branch Alliance will meet in the parlor of Unitarian church, on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 4th, 1905, at three o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

Rev. C. F. Carter will preach a New Year sermon at Hancock church, Sunday forenoon at 10:30. Communion will be observed at 3 o'clock.

The topics of the Week of Prayer at Baptist church will be: Monday, God and the Child; Tuesday, The Bible and the Home; Wednesday, Flesh and Spirit; Thursday, Witnesses and Comforters; Friday, Interceders.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Gilmore are making their plans to sail Jan. 28th for a three months' European tour. Their party will include Mrs. George Whiting, of Somerville, who will be joined by her husband before she returns.

A "Rubber Sociable" will be held by W. R. C. No. 97 in Grand Army Hall, Wednesday evening, Jan. 4th. Bring all your old rubbers, rubber hose, etc., but you need not bring your rubber trees. Prizes are awarded, and the largest contributor will attest that a fair exchange is no robbery. An admission of fifteen cents is also charged toward a supper to be served at 6 o'clock.

We have heard of several happy family reunions here on Christmas, but of course there were many more besides. Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Brown entertained at "Edgewood." Mr. George O. Whiting's family were reunited at Birkenknoll, Mrs. Whiting's sickness being the only minor note of the occasion. Mrs. J. Fred Hutchinson's home was the assembly place of the family connections of her late husband.

At the next meeting of the Outlook Club, held in O. B. C. Hall, Tuesday afternoon next, Jan. 31, the Cecilia Opera-tta Co. furnishes the program. The operetta, "The Sleeping Queen," by Balfe is to be sung. The company includes such artists as Annie Estelle Hollis, soprano; Edith McGregor Wood, contralto; Robert Hall, tenor; Edward A. Osgood, bass; Charles P. Scott, pianist. It will be the first regular meeting of the Club since Dec. 6th, although two meetings of the Current Events class have intervened.

Tuesday evening, in G. A. R. Hall, the annual election of officers of Independence Lodge, A. O. U. W., took place, with the following results:

Master Workman—A. H. Burnham.
Foreman—G. Arthur Simonds.
Overseer—Chas. E. Wheeler.
Recorder—Chas. H. Sherman.
Receiver—Wm. H. Whitaker.
Financier—Everett S. Locke.
Guide—Geo. C. McKay.
Sentinel—Geo. N. Gurney.
Trustee—R. H. Johnson.
Delegate—E. S. Locke.
Alternate—Albert H. Burnham.

Tuesday afternoon there were hardly more than twenty-five ladies present at the meeting of the Current Events Class, held in High School Hall. The severity of the rain storm, the flooded streets and holiday occupations were sufficient reasons for the depleted numbers of the class. However, those present would not have missed the meeting for a good deal. By special request, Mrs. M. A. Ward, the leader, made a full and most comprehensive explanation of the Constitution of the U. S. Government, and enlightened all on matters not clear to them. Her explanations, and questions, drew the ladies into a discussion of the subject which added greatly to the information gained through the answers given and added to the interest of the meeting.

The Christmas music at Hancock church, on Sunday forenoon, was as follows: Anthem, "There were Shepherds," J. C. Marks Carol, "There were whispering in the Heavens," G. L. Osgood Anthem, "Sing, Shine," Lansing Anthem, "Arise, O Heavens," Berthold Tours

The solo parts were sung by Mrs. Berthold Ehler, soprano, and Mr. Edward P. Merriam, baritone. Organist Frank W. Gilman played selections from the "Messiah" and accompanied the vocal parts, which were directed by choir master George W. Buck. Rev. Mr. Carter preached a sermon that made the service peculiarly in accord with the day.

The annual meeting of the Sunday school of Hancock church was held Tuesday evening in the chapel. The attendance, naturally, owing to the storm, was small. The retiring superintendent, Jas. P. Prince, Esq., read an interesting report pertaining to the affairs of the school and Mr. Ernest O. Nichols, the treasurer, made the financial statement. After paying running expenses and giving to various benevolences, there yet remains in the treasury \$60. Rev. C. F. Carter, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the name of Mr. Edw. P. Nichols for superintendent and it was unanimously voted to present his name for confirmation by the church.

Rev. John Day, of Dorchester, will occupy the pulpit of the Unitarian church on Sunday morning at 10:30.

The week closes its events with the performance of "Papa Bouchard," which takes place in Old Belfry Club Hall, this (Friday) evening.

The Young People's Guild will meet next Sunday evening, at seven o'clock. Rev. John H. Holmes, of Dorchester, will conduct the service in the vestry of First Parish church.

The funeral of Mr. Albin R. Reed, who died Dec. 25, took place at his late home on Highland avenue, Thursday at 3:30 p. m., the Rev. Dr. Ayer of the Church of Our Redeemer, officiating. The burial was at Lexington. Mr. Reed is survived by a widow, a son and two daughters, all minors. He was an eminent vocal teacher of Boston, a musician in all respects, an able and discerning critic and of a highly sensitive, artistic nature. All things beautiful appealed to him and the untimely break in his career has brought sorrow to many warm friends and admirers. His native place was Lawrence, while his wife is a member of an old and well-known Arlington family. They came to reside in Lexington some ten years ago, if we remember correctly.

A "Watch Night" service will be held at the Baptist church, Saturday night Jan. 31, from 8:15 to 12 o'clock, when the New Year will be heralded in a more serious and religious spirit than usual. The meeting will be divided into five periods. The first one will be devoted to "The Children" and will be in charge of Rev. G. W. Fuller and others; the 2d period, the "Young People," in charge of Rev. Geo. W. McComb, of Arlington Heights; 3d period, "The Adults," Rev. C. F. Carter, of Hancock church; 4th period, a social hour between ten thirty and eleven o'clock when refreshments are to be served; 5th period, Prayer and Consecration, preceded by an address by Rev. F. A. Macdonald who will lead this period. Everybody is cordially invited to be present and help make this rather unusual form of heralding the New Year a success and inspiration to do better things.

Mr. Henry R. Comley decorated the Unitarian church for Christmas, generously giving his services. The streamers of laurel were hung from the ceiling and swung way out into the auditorium with graceful lines which showed the experienced hand of the decorator. Wreaths were hung on the face of the choir balustrade and boughs of hemlock lined the window space. A large Christmas bell in red was the crowning touch. The pulpit was occupied by Rev. Albert Coleman, formerly of East Boston, who preached an earnest and interesting sermon from the text, "And a little child shall lead them." The musical program announced was rendered by the quartette choir. At the noon session of the Sunday school Supt. H. H. Putnam conducted an appropriate exercise, introducing an address by Rev. Mr. Coleman and carols. A generous contribution of all sorts of articles was made for the Morgan and Bulfinch place chapels in Boston.

Santa Claus entertained a few of his young Lexington friends on Christmas Eve at Miss Fairchild's. There was a beautiful tree, laden with gifts from Kris Kringle, among which were souvenirs especially designed for the occasion. These tokens took the form of dainty boxes, each containing a riddle mounted on a card, upon which was written, "I love you." The children consumed the reason. There were dolls, balls and objects of art and hobby sticks, while foxy grandpa dangled from every bough. A dainty sabot awaits the correct guess as to where it was hidden. The boys and girls had no time for guessing. Among those present were Amelia Gould, John Bennett, Henry Jackson, Mabel Tenner, Arthur Tenner, Madeline Dodge, Marion Caswell, Freddie Jones, Rachel Lane, Harold Nunn, Olive Locke, Marjorie Patterson, Alice and Edwin Spaulding, Marjorie and Dorothy Record, Gladys Tuttle, Pearl Wright, Mildred Dacy, Lucy and Malissa Whiting, little Dorothy Greeley and Katherine Daily. Mesdames Jackson and Lane and Miss Wissell assisted in entertaining the young guests.

That time honored custom of holding the "Manger Service" on Christmas Day, established by the late Rev. E. G. Porter, when he first came to Lexington, was again observed at Hancock church, on Sunday last, at a concert exercise held at four o'clock by the school, conducted by Supt. Prince. The program was largely devoted to the primary dept., and its superintendent, Mrs. G. W. Spaulding, had evidently put no end of work in arranging the series of exercises. Preceding it, however, was a solo "O, Holy Night," sweetly sung by Mrs. Ehler and accompanied by Miss Hazel Prince. The children took their places on the platform singing as a procession "Carol, sweetly carol," then followed a series of recitations by individuals and in classes, interspersed with songs, also in classes, and full choruses. Solo parts were taken by Miss Bertha Redman and Miss Olive Currier and a trio by Miss Redman, Mrs. J. S. Spaulding and Mrs. G. W. Spaulding was full of harmony. The closing exercise was concluded with the singing of "Paradise" by Miss Redman, Mrs. J. S. Spaulding and Messrs. Merriam and E. O. Nichols. After addresses by Supt. Prince and Rev. Mr. Carter, the manger offering was made to a processionary played by Miss Rose Morse. There was the usual abundance of every thing for the poor of the city. The church was hung with laurel which described a number of intertwined and graceful festoons, which curtailed the upper portion of the chancel arch and had as their apex an illuminated star.

Wednesday evening sixty members of Hancock Cong. Church sat down to an appetizing supper, that preceded the annual meeting. When all had enjoyed that which was so bountifully provided, the reports of the various departments were in order, including that of the clerk, James P. Prince, the treasurer, Dr. N. H. Merriam, stated that one thousand dollars had been expended for benevolences. Mr. Prince was also spokesman for the Sunday school. The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Association was represented by Mrs. George A. Warner, secretary, and Miss Bertha Redman, treasurer. Mrs. C. C. Goodwin gave the trustees' report of the association and announced the goodly sum of twelve hundred dollars in the treasury, \$769 of which was the earning of the sale held in November. Miss Rose B. Morse summed up the year's work of the Y. P. S. C. E. The pastor's message was an informing and interesting document. Among other things in it noted by Rev. Mr. Carter, was that the church

membership had been increased by fourteen; five had been dismissed to take their letters to other churches, making a net membership of 203. At the election of officers, Mr. Edward P. Nichols was chosen superintendent of the Sunday school; J. P. Prince, clerk and N. H. Merriam, treasurer. The meeting was adjourned to Thursday evening, Jan. 12th.

(Correspondence.)

In the death of Hannah D. Wheeler at Fitchburg, Dec. 19th, after a short illness, one of Lexington's former residents passed away at nearly the age of 90 years. Miss Wheeler was born at Pepperell, Feb. 15, 1910. She was a daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Flagg) Wheeler, the former an influential citizen and was town clerk at the time of his death.

In 1829 Miss Wheeler came to Lexington and lived in the family of Gen'l Samuel Chandler till 1872 as housekeeper. In 1840 Mrs. Chandler died, leaving three small children, one an infant two months old, who has never known any mother but "Aunt Hannah," who faithfully reared the little ones, giving them as fully as another can a mother's watchful and loving care. Soon after the death of Gen'l Chandler, she made her home with a sister who is now 90 years old at Lunenburg near Fitchburg. The writer desires to pay her the tributes due to one whose life was one continuous sunshine. She lived up to the Golden Rule—a true Christian life. She was never known to speak an ill word of any one and endeavored herself to every one. She retained her faculties up to a year ago, when she began to lose her eyesight. She had a very retentive memory and it was a delight to spend an hour with her recalling incidents of long ago. Her funeral took place at Fitchburg, Dec. 22d, when a large number of friends were present from Boston, Worcester, Lowell, Athol, and Fitchburg. On Friday her remains were brought to Lexington where they are laid in the Chandler lot, thus coming back to the family circle never to be separated again. How well I remember on my return from the war the reception I received from her. No mother could have welcomed her son more feelingly, and from that time till her death I felt that I had a mother living. E. T. C.

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